



The Vicar General writes ...

Dear Family of God,

Anyone who knows me, will know that I have a few favourite Bible passages, but that my favourite of all the favourites is Psalm 23 – The Shepherd's Psalm.

This is a passage of scripture that has truly been my stay during the course of life – through happy times when with joy I could recite "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want," and through very difficult times when I cried out to the Shepherd, but through it all, the recurring promise has been "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

For me, this is a psalm that speaks to my every need or, as the newer translations put it, my wants. An explanation - the paraphrase of the psalm uses the word "want" as opposed to "need." An understanding is needed in that the word "want" in the psalm does not refer to our wishes or our desires but rather to our needs, our necessities.

Psalm 23 is a psalm that I am holding onto during this time of waiting in the diocese and I want to share it with you again - perhaps looking at it from a different point of view and a different paraphrase.

I shall not want, The Lord is my Shepherd.

I shall not want rest - He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

I shall not want refreshment - He leadeth me beside the still waters.

I shall not want forgiveness - He restoreth my soul.

I shall not want guidance - He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

I shall not want companionship - Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for



Sharing a moment of laughter at an informal Bay Archdeaconry tea in the Diocesan Office, are the Rector of St Nicholas, Andrew Watt, the Rector of St Augustine's, Kwandiwe Ludziya, and the the Vicar General, Sharon Nell.

Thou art with me.

I shall not want comfort - Thy rod and staff they comfort me.

I shall not want food - Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

I shall not want joy - Thou anointest my head with oil.

I shall not want anything - My cup runneth over.

I shall not want anything in this life - Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life.

I shall not want anything in eternity - And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Dear family of God, today I testify to the

nearness of the Shepherd, to the lack of want (not that I have everything I "want" but everything I need), today I testify to the Shepherd's care and today I can give thanks and praise because I know that our Shepherd is leading, that the Shepherd knows the way forward for the diocese and that we will be led to the green pastures beside the still waters, and that my dear family gives me peace in my heart.

Much love and blessings.

Dean Sharon,
Vicar General+

Persecuted Christians in South Asia need prayer

During her visit home for a holiday, a missionary working in South Asia shared insights of her outreach when she spoke at the Sunday services at St John's in Walmer on 8 June.

Avril (nom-de-plume) said she is part of a team of workers who are from twelve different nationalities. She is the youngest member of the group and finds that at times she is very lonely.

Avril spoke about her work in a school, as well as about the adult literacy classes she is giving in response to a cry from parents who wish to be able to keep up with their children who are being educated.

She said she is involved in the management side of the school with a two year teacher training course. There were 250 children attending the school and they are made up of Hindus, Muslims and Christians.

She also visits homes to encourage the families, to pray for them and, when asked, to join in with their devotions and

Bible studies.

One of the battles Avril faces are the very high temperatures, which can hit 50°C on some days during Summer. Air pollution is also a problem, and, of course, security as Christians are often targeted by those of other beliefs.

She says she holds on to promises made by God in Is 43:16-21

This is what the Lord says - he who made a way through the sea,

a path through the mighty waters,

who drew out the chariots and horses,

the army and reinforcements together,

and they lay there, never to rise again,

extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

"Forget the former things;

do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and

streams in the wasteland.

*The wild animals honour me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise."*

She says that when things are not going well and she begins to feel despondent' she reminds herself that God says in Zechariah 4:6

'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

**St John's support a lot of
missionary work -
Please support their
Missionary Fête
Saturday 30 August
08h00 - 13h00
Enquiries: 041 581 2162**

Our persecuted brothers and sisters

The first Sunday after Pentecost is known worldwide as Persecution Sunday. This day highlights the terrible persecution that Christians in many countries often endure for their faith - with believers often facing imprisonment, discrimination, rejection, torture and even death.

Open Doors figures

The violence against Christians across sub-Saharan Africa is driving a serious displacement crisis. By the end of 2023, a staggering 16,2 million Christians across sub-Saharan Africa had been forcibly displaced from their homes and off their land by persecution. This escalation has been triggered by the presence of jihadist groups active in an increasing number of countries. Furthermore, nine out of every ten Christians killed for their faith are in Africa.

In 2024, the second year of Open Doors International's multi-year Arise Africa campaign, the spotlight falls on the displacement crisis in sub-Saharan Africa. Christians who have been forced from their homes and land because of their faith in Jesus are living in unbearable conditions in camps for internally displaced persons (IDPs).

Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre - Africa hosts nearly half of the world's IDPs

The 35 million people living in internal displacement in Africa at the end of 2023 accounted for nearly half of the global total and was three times more than in 2009.

Government efforts to address internal displacement in Africa have been commendable, but with rising conflict and a changing climate making communities more vulnerable, governments have struggled to keep ahead of the issue.

In the past two years over 42 000 innocent people have been killed.

This is genocide!

What a pity the South African Government has not got the will to take the African leaders and Islamic groups to the International Court of Justice for these atrocities.

Call to prayer

We as Christians need to come against the forces of darkness - such as the militant groups like Fulani, Boko Haram, al-Shabaab and Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) - who conduct raids on Christian communities, killing, maiming, raping and kidnapping for ransom or sexual slavery.

Archdeaconry meeting

Lynn de Doncker



Bay South Archdeaconry clergy enjoying tea: David Grobblaar of Holy Trinity, Rowan Jacobs of Good Shepherd, Christopher Prince of St Michael and All Angels, Lynn de Doncker and Sharon Brandt of St Barnabas, Lindelwa Mama of the Cathedral and Archdeacon Andrea Potgieter.

The Bay South Archdeaconry met on Thursday 22 May for the second time this year at St Barnabas in Sydenham.

It was decided at our first get together that any available clerics would meet once a quarter for Fellowship under the leadership of our Archdeacon, Andrea Potgieter.

In-between the tea and the banter, Andrea brought to our attention, the topic of “Sin”, specifically focusing on how it impacts the life of a cleric and his/her ministry today.

She referred to paragraphs 3 - 6 on Pg 447 in the Anglican Prayer Book. It was indeed food for thought, highlighting our need to stay truthful to ourselves. When we are right with God, only then will our ministry thrive.

Clergy inductions

With many clergy moves having taken place, some of the parishes have sent photos and reports of the induction services.

St Matthias

Mlulami Jojiyasi



The new Priest-in-charge of St Matthias, Pakama Plaatjies, with lay ministers and servers.

Pakama Plaatjies was admitted as the new Priest-in-charge of St Matthias in Motherwell on Sundy 1 July.

In his inaugural sermon he spoke on “The Word who became flesh still dwells among us in His Holy Spirit form,” offering a powerful assurance of Christ’s abiding presence in every circumstance.

Tag lines!



Life is like a camera - just focus on what’s important; capture the good times; develop from negatives; and if things don’t work out - just take another shot.

St Cuthbert’s

Jill Bromiley



Newly addmitted Priest-In-Charge of St Cuthbert’s, Michelle Werth, signing the oath and declaration for admission in front of Archdeacon Andrea Potgieter on Sunday 1 July.

Young reader

Jill Bromiley



Rosemary Newcombe assisting her 11 year old grandson, Daniel Newcombe, with the first reading at the monthly service at St Peter’s Chapelry in Kinkelbos.

Welcome hot soup

Jill Bromiley



Tommy Horne of Holy Trinity in Central thankfully accepts a mug of hot soup from Anita White at the combined admission of churchwardens and parish councillors at St Phillip’s on 2 June.

Former Dean now Archdeacon of The Gulf

Mark Derry



With Bishop Sean Semple of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, at the Tamil speaking confirmation service, are from left, Deacon Kingsley Douglas, Archdeacon Mark Derry, and the Revd MD Johnson.

The collation of Mark Derry (a former Dean of our Diocese) as Archdeacon took place on Friday 16 May at the Anglican Church of the Epiphany, by Bishop Sean Semple of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. The archdeaconry responsibility covers Anglican Churches from Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman and elsewhere.

200 Christians slaughtered



As iindaba was going to press news came through of 200 Nigerian Christians having been slaughtered by Fulani militants in Yelwata in Benue State. Most of them were refugees displaced by previous Islamist attacks and were given shelter by a local Catholic charity.

The view from pulpit and pew

❖ iindaba extends condolences to Mark Derry and family on the passing of his mother, Pam Derry, who was a member of the Order of the Diocese of Port Elizabeth, who passed away on Wednesday, 13 May, at Nazareth House. She and his father Ted, who passed away in January, were members of St Francis Jeffreys Bay Chapel for 30 years, his father as churchwarden and his mother as lay minister.

They are remembered by his sister Lynn, Debbie and himself, and the grand children and great grandchildren. Her ashes will be interred alongside her beloved Ted at the Memorial Garden at St Francis Jeffreys Bay.

❖ iindaba asks for prayers for Bishop Raphael Hess, Bishop of Saldanha Bay, who is in hospital having had a stroke. He is also a member of the Provincial Advisory Committee and the Chair of the Discernment Committee.

❖ iindaba hears that the stork has been busy delivering grandchildren to two of our clergy - congratulations to our Vicar General, Sharon Nell on the birth of a grandson; and to retired Priest, Dudley Greenshields, on the birth of a granddaughter in Australia. May the Lord give you and your families much joy and love with his two new creations.

Clergy on the move

• No moves this month.

Much needed donations received

Desré Foaden



Peggy Kelly and Gail Smith of St Saviour’s happily sort the donations of food that came in as part of the Trivia evening entrance fees.

As part of the entrance fee to the Trivia evening held at St Saviour’s on Friday night, 30 May, people were asked to bring nonperishable gifts. These will be used in the food parcels the parish distributes to needy people in the community.

Desré Foaden who makes up the parcels every month was thrilled at the response because the cupboard was bare.

Cathedral Celebrating 200

Please join us on:
17 August - Organ Recital
07 September - Flower show
08h00 - 13h00
14 September - 09h00
Patronal Festival and visit by Archbishop Thabo Makgoba
Enquiries -
041 585 3047 (mornings)

CR Sisters work sought



This beautiful frontal (albeit in need of some tender loving care) made by the CR Sisters about 100 years ago is still in use at Holy Trinity in Central.

A book is being compiled of the needlework done by the Sisters of the Community of the Resurrection of our Lord in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

If any parishes in our Diocese have some of their work, whether in use, or stored away, and only used on special occasions, please send clear, high resolution photos if possible, to Frankie Simpson (084 742 5514) and let her know the details.

Enjoying a fellowship braai



Enjoying the fellowship bring and braai at St Saviour's after Church on Sunday 25 May were John Charakupa and his daughter (in shadow), Stan Knott-Craig and his fiancé, Reneé Kuhn, Lappies Gouws and Vaughn Wasserfall.

Many members of St Saviour's took advantage of the beautiful weather on Sunday 25 May and enjoyed a Fellowship Bring 'n Braai.

Referring to Luke 15:1-7 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it ..." the Rector of St Saviour's, Sharon Nell, remarked that there had been 99 congregants at the service that morning but she didn't need to look for the 100th because Desré Foaden had been ministering at St Agnes in Zwartkops River Mouth.

Bay South church wardens and councillors installed

Tommy Horne



Bay South churchwardens and councillors with Archdeacon Andrea Potgieter at St Philip's for their induction service.

Archdeacon Andrea Potgieter held a combined induction service of churchwardens and councillors of Bay South churches on 2 June.

The service was held at St Phillips and present were the leadership from St Mary's Cathedral, Holy Trinity, St Hugh's, St Barnabas and St Philip's.

After the service they all enjoyed fellowship and hot soup.

2025 champs who knew their trivia

Desré Foaden



Desré Foaden, with the winning team of Daron Mann, Daphne Momberg, David and Ronel Roux.

The evening began badly with Desré Foaden's laptop crashing! No laptop, no trivia questions. Fortunately IT specialist, Stan Knott-Craig managed to sort out a replacement and he also managed to transfer the necessary file off the crashed laptop. Evening saved!

The event was the mixed trivia evening at St Saviour's on Friday night 30 May, in aid of their outreach programmes.

As always, there was lots of laughter and fun - and lots of prizes- including a voucher for fuel!

The winning team this year was the Know it Ales! Perhaps the ale was the magic ingredient!

Computers donated for Youth Zone

Xhanti Mhlontlo



Holding a computer is churchwarden Eric Mtyobo; Cllr Yolisa Pali (MMC); the Rector of St Stephen's, Xhanti Mhlontlo; MEC Ntandokazi Capa and Fikile Sohuma of the Department of Health.

The Honourable MEC of the Department of Health. Ntandokazi Capa, fulfilled her promise to our beloved parish of St Stephen's, "Siyakhathala", in New Brighton, on 3 June 2025.

MEC Capa handed over five computers and UNLIMITED Wi-Fi connection provided, by social partner MTN, to the Church to aid our Parish Outreach Centre.

Many key social stakeholders were in attendance to witness this auspicious occasion. Amongst them we were blessed by the Nelson Mandela Metro (NMM), represented by Member of the Mayoral Committee, Cllr Pali, South African Council of Churches NMM Religious leaders, NMM Health Promoting Churches, the MTN team and Parish Leadership and structures.

It was a blessed time as we witnessed collaboration in action to the benefit of our young people as St Stephen's and the community at large. We are saying, "To God be the glory for great things He hath done." St Stephen's is "a Church with the heart of Christ."

Reporters and would be reporters - don't forget to register for the iindaba workshop being held on Saturday 19 July at St Hugh's church hall, West Street

Registration 08h30 - expected time of finishing 12h30

For catering (teas) purpose, please RSVP to frankies@iafrica.com

Clergy and organisations please send your reporters - or come yourself!

Tea and fellowship with staff



Enjoying tea and fellowship at the Diocesan office were the BEO, Fumi Kula, Diedré Neaves, Trevor Bruckman, Archdeacon Deon Lombard and the Rector of St Margaret’s, Andrew White.

Once again the clergy and churchwardens of an archdeaconry - this time the Bay Archdeaconry - were invited to spend a time of fellowship with the Diocesan staff while enjoying tea and sandwiches. Stories were shared and there was much laughter at some of them.

Centenary Food Festival fun

Jill Bromiley



St Hugh’s Centenary Food Festival held on 7 June was a wonderful success and a good time was had by all.

Of course much of the enjoyment was the beautiful warm day the Lord gave us! There were Food trucks, music, a book stall, jewellery, white elephant, pancakes, garden stall and wine tasting. Free!!

Chapman High School had their cadets who impressed us with their marching. They were brilliant. Also, the SAPS brought their dogs along and gave a most informative talk.

Pamela Cassells and Nina King at the book stall waiting to sell a book.

Looking after the elderly

Xola Nodwele



Some of the elderly people who attend the quarterly Eucharist service. Every quarter Holy Spirit have a Eucharist Service for elderly people who are from different denominations. They are all members of the NPO called Ekuseni Lathi Capha I Langa.

This NPO is an elderly group of people who service the elders of the community.

Photos and POPI Act

When submitting reports and/or photos please remember the POPI Act and make sure everyone is happy to appear in the *iindaba*.

If children are in a photo, remember to get the parent’s permission - this can be verbal.

NB NB If your parish interacts on any social media platform you need to have permission from all adults and children who appear in any photos or videos.

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AE testimony on the Spirit of Obedience

The tumble dryer at our (African Enterprise) Conference Centre packed up – sadly a result of overusing a domestic machine for industrial purposes. Financially hamstrung, but in desperate need of a machine, we wondered how we would ever purchase an industrial tumble dryer which is priced upwards of R20,000 – definitely out of our reach.

But God!...

I suddenly felt prompted in my spirit to include, at the very last moment, an appeal.

I had finalised an article on the Centre’s recent activities for inclusion in AE’s monthly newsletter and was about to submit when I suddenly felt prompted in my spirit to include a paragraph of appeal, in cash or kind, for a tumble dryer. This appeal was the penultimate paragraph in the last of five articles that appeared in the April 2025 edition of AE’s monthly Newsletter.

AE’s April 2025 Newsletter was circulated electronically on the morning of Wednesday, 2 April.

We received notification later that very day of a bank deposit of R20 000 from a donor contribution towards the purchase of a tumble dryer. Danica, our Partnership Development manager, tracked down and contacted the donor to convey our sincere gratitude and appreciation. The donor insisted on anonymity but shared about the circumstances leading to her donation.

‘Charity’ (a pseudonym) said, “I had it in my heart to donate to a worthy cause and was trusting the Lord to lead me to it.”

She said she had inherited a sum of money from her deceased brother’s estate. She was moved in her spirit to gift this money to some worthy cause once the funds became available to her. She had also committed this to prayer and was trusting the Lord to lead her to such a worthy cause.

When Charity switched on her computer on Wednesday, 2 April, up popped our emailed Newsletter. She took the time to read through it all, landing on the appeal and knew immediately that this was the cause to which the Lord had directed her.

Thanks to Charity’s generosity, and that of one other donor who also responded to the appeal, we were able to purchase a brand-new industrial tumble dryer.

“All these blessings will come upon you and overwhelm you when you obey the voice of the Lord, your God” Deuteronomy 28:2 (NABRE)

We are truly overwhelmed by the faithfulness of God and the generosity of spirit of our donors!

Miraculous for sure!

Gavin John

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Ed’s note: I have published this testimony because so many of our readers have been involved with, and have supported, African Enterprise for many years.

NMB councillors at Holy Spirit

Xola Nodwele



In the picture are the Rector of Holy Spirit, Xola Nodwele; the Councillor of Ward 19, Gama Maqula; visiting Priest, the Revd Nomphele Mbuzwane; and next to her is a member of Parish Council who is also the ward 19 committee member, Dumisa Dyani.

The Parish of the Holy Spirit in KwaZakhele has a good relationship with our Councillor’s Office and so we are able to bring to their attention the needs of our community. This is in line with the Gospel message where we are told to care for those who are hungry and without shelter.

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